

S217. Misbranding of Halz Tablets. U. S. * * * v. Edwin Price (Ed. Price Chemical Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$15 and costs. (F. & D. No. 9784. I. S. Nos. 8436-p, 8437-p.)

On August 30, 1919, the United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Edwin Price, trading as the Ed. Price Chemical Co., Kansas City, Mo., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on December 11, and April 6, 1917, from the State of Missouri into the State of Nebraska, of a certain quantity of an article, labeled in part "Halz Tablets," which was misbranded.

Analyses of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the tablets consisted of rhubarb, copaiba, plant material including a trace of alkaloid, sugar, starch, and carbonates of calcium and magnesium.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information in that certain statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the article, appearing on the label on the bottle containing the article and in the circulars accompanying the article, falsely and fraudulently represented the article to be effective as a remedy for gonorrhea, gleet, whites, leucorrhea, and unnatural discharges of either sex, pains in the back, cystitis, continence or incontinence of urine, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not effective.

On September 30, 1919, Edwin Price entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$15 and costs.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

S218. Adulteration and misbranding of rice bran. U. S. * * * v. Levy Rice Milling Co., a Corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10. (F. & D. No. 9846. I. S. No. 12121-p.)

On September 27, 1919, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Levy Rice Milling Co., a corporation, New Orleans, La., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about March 12, 1918, under the name of A. C. Wooley & Co., from the State of Louisiana into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of an unlabeled article which was billed as rice bran, and which was adulterated and misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article made by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

	Per cent.
Moisture	8.77
Ether extract.....	10.07
Crude fiber.....	22.70
Crude protein.....	9.47
Ash.....	13.11
Acid insoluble ash.....	9.02
Examination showed the addition of rice hulls.	

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, rice hulls, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to lower and reduce and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for rice bran, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that it was food in package form, and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.